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## Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview May 20, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic      b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes      e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Scroggie et al (6,014,634 and DeLapa et al (6,076,068)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant discussed the features of the proposed amended claim 1 stressing that the two cited references did not disclose the customer providing a spending amount nor selecting a provider from a sub-set of providers. The Examiner noted that Scroggie did explicitly disclose that the customer is presented with a list of qualified merchants (sub-set of providers) and then selects one of the merchants at which the coupon will be redeemable. However, while the references disclose that the coupon redemption criteria can be based on the total value of the purchase, it is not disclosed that the customer initially enters the amount he will willing to spend at the merchant. The Applicant will submit the proposed amendment after making a few recommended changes. The Examiner noted that while the above feature appears to overcome the cited references, further search would be required.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required